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**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Joint Environment and Natural Resources and Land Use Committee
Minutes
Thursday, May 5, 2016**

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Jack Darin – Illinois Sierra Club, Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg, Jackie Forbes – Kane County Division of Transportation, Stacy Meyers – Openlands, Vincent Waller (for Deb Stone) – Cook County Department of Environmental Control, Mike Warner – Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, Moira Zellner – University of Illinois-Chicago

Members Absent: Lynn Boerman – IDNR, Ed Collins – McHenry County Conservation District, Danielle Gallet – Metropolitan Planning Council, Jon Grosshans – U.S. EPA, Pete Harmet – IDOT, Suzanne Malec-McKenna – Chicago Wilderness, Joe Schuessler – MWRD, Wallace Van Buren – IAWA, Sean Wiedel – Chicago Department of Transportation

Staff Present: Nora Beck (staff liaison for ENR), Kate Evasic, Kristin Ihnchak, Elizabeth Irvin, Kara Komp, Jacki Murdock, Jason Navota, Liz Oo, Melissa Porter, Evy Zwiebach.

Others Present: None.

1.0 Call to Order

Jack Darin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

CMAP's Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program is accepting applications until Friday, June 3, 2016. More information can be found [here](#).

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 14 meeting was made by Vincent Waller, seconded by Jackie Forbes, and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 ON TO 2050: Demographics Snapshot – Jacki Murdock, CMAP Staff

As part of ON TO 2050 development, CMAP is preparing a Demographics Snapshot, which will provide an overview of trends in population growth, age, race/ethnicity, immigration, and other characteristics. Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Murdock presented initial findings from the analysis. Committee members discussed the findings:

- Who is leaving and where are they going? Cook County is seeing the same amount of out migration, but normally that is offset by international migration and births. Declines in both of those categories are the biggest drivers of change.
- Hiring practices and unemployment rates of African Americans in our region. Discussion on the role county governments can play and efforts to increase diversity in natural resource professions. Lake County collaborates with high schools and work study programs.
- Barriers to employment. Murdock recommended the UIC Great Cities Report, [Lost: The Crisis of Jobless and Out of School Teens and Young Adults in Chicago, Illinois and the U.S.](#)
- CMAP is using ACS one year data as a source for unemployment numbers instead of the data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Diversity of employees by job field could help identify jobs that are more inclusive than others.
- Discussion about the age, race, and ethnicity of the environmental movement. Ecological gentrification is a newly recognized concept which refers to how urban sustainability efforts can produce gentrification, resulting in displacement and financial burden for the most vulnerable urban residents.

5.0 ON TO 2050: Infill and TOD Snapshot – Evy Zwiebach, CMAP Staff

As part of next plan development, CMAP is preparing an Infill and TOD Snapshot, which will provide an overview of existing conditions and trends in infill and TOD in the region. Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Zwiebach presented initial findings, including an evaluation of progress towards development targets established in the 2014 update of GO TO 2040, and an examination of additional indicators of infill (such as changes in population, households, density, and housing units) throughout the region, as well as in transit-served areas. Committee members discussed the findings:

- Relationship between redevelopment, increased impervious surface, and impacts on surrounding development.
- The need to identify where infill has occurred in the region, where it could happen in the future, and what stormwater regulations are in place in those locations. Specifically, is the Cook County WMO threshold capturing a significant portion of infill development? Project size thresholds for the Northeastern Illinois Development Database (NDD) – 1 acre of land, 10 or more residential units, 10,000 square feet of non-residential development.
- Need for an updated green infrastructure model ordinance. Discussed national efforts within the US EPA.
- Discussion about teardowns and replacement with larger homes on single-family lots.

6.0 Integrating stormwater management into comprehensive plans, Kate Evasic, CMAP Staff

Localized flooding is a common concern among the region's municipalities, yet many communities lack the resources to fully understand the problems they face or identify strategies to address flooding issues. In order to better integrate stormwater management into decisions about land use and development, CMAP is developing a spatial approach to identify potential flood problem and corresponding opportunity areas to address flooding using green infrastructure solutions. Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Evasic provided an update on the evolving approach. Committee members had a number of suggested resources and approaches:

- Consider the land cover in the catchment itself in the prioritization to identify problem areas.
- Rely on the MWRD inundation areas where available.
- GIS consortium in Lake County may be interested in using this approach.

7.0 Other Business.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Next Meeting

The ENR Committee is scheduled to next meet on Thursday, June 2, 2016.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Beck (ENR Committee Liaison)

May 9, 2016